In conclusion, the member once again emphasised the need for controlling the cart traffic, particularly on the narrow and tortuous roads in the hilly tracts. To show the earnestness of the planters in the matter, they had themselves inaugurated a system whereby their estate cart-men were being registered and made to carry identifying marks so that they at least might be under control.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Mc Mullin, in the matter of tolls, I will draw your attention to the remarks I made yesterday.

In the matter of bullock-carts and motor vehicles, there are rules drawn up to regulate traffic on the road. It has been laid down that the motorist should make way round the bullock-cart and not expect the bullock-cart to make way for the motor car. You want some rules to be drawn up by means of which a motor driver may be able to take prompt and effective action against a bullock-cart driver who offends. I think we shall also have to consider and find out means as to how the bullock-cart driver can take prompt and effective action against the motor driver who offends. I think it is not so much the carts as the bulls straying on the roads that cause inconvenience in the Peermade roads. That at any rate is my experience. Our bullock-cart men more or less understand the rules of the road. But it is the men who come from the British Districts—I refer to the Tamilian drivers who come from Madura—who are incapable of understanding the rules of the road. The police will take measures to impress upon these people the observance of the rules of the road. For the rest, I would draw your attention to the rule which bids the motorist to give room to the cart drivers and get round as best as he can with due regard to the safety of the people.

As regards the numbering and licensing of bandies, that is an ideal we all like to see attained. But whether the Commissioner of Police can devise practical means of doing anything in the matter will soon engage his attention.

31. Registration of Bandies.

MR. S. N. URE (*Member, Mundakayam Planters' Association*) said that he was not going to waste the time of the Assembly as what he intended to represent had already been represented and a reply had been given.

32. Regulation of Traffic.

MR. V. JACOB OOMMAN (*Member, Trading Classes, Alleppey*) observed that the last few years had witnessed an abnormal increase in the number of motor vehicles. The increase in motor traffic had rendered travelling easy and rapid and had also improved the trade facilities in the State. There was no part of the State which was not accessible by motor car. But side by side with the advantages, there was the danger of frequent motor accidents and consequent loss of lives. A notable accident occurred near Neyyattinkara a few years ago resulting in the death of seven men. As a result of a memorial then submitted by the people, the Government appointed a Motor Bus Inspector with power to test and certify to the mechanical fitness and safety of motor vehicles. That post was subsequently abolished; and a Traffic Inspector whose duties were mainly confined to the regulation of traffic was appointed instead. Although the new arrangement ensured some measure of control over traffic irregularities such as overloading, overspeeding, etc., motor accidents had steadily been on the increase. It was, therefore, high time that a qualified motor engineer was appointed for the constant inspection and periodical testing of motor vehicles. The two Traffic Inspectors appointed by the Government were not enough. The appointment of a superior officer not below the rank of a District Superintendent of Police and with expert knowledge in motor mechanism was necessary.

To regulate the grant of licenses to drivers of motor vehicles, more stringent rules were required. There were many irresponsible and reckless young men among the drivers. An applicant for a driving license should, before being given a license, be asked to produce a certificate regarding his sobriety and good conduct from at least two respectable citizens and the Tahsildar-Magistrate of the taluk and also a medical

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